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NHS fears blood donor crisis in 2012

By DAVID WATKINSON

A blood donor crisis is looming in 2012 in East Lancashire, the NHS has warned.

The NHS fears that the combination of extra bank holidays and bumper sporting events will combine to see a large drop in people giving blood.

Next year will see the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, as well as the London Olympics, and the Euro 2012 football championships.

Barbara Blanche, from NHS Blood and Transplant North West, said: "Next year is going to be an exciting one for the UK, but we're concerned that the cluster of major events could dramatically impact the number of blood donations coming in.

"Approximately two million units of blood will be needed by hospitals throughout 2012, and the equivalent of 500 extra donations will be needed each week in the first six

VITAL: Blood supplies

Public urged to make a resolution to donate

months to help us build blood stocks and cover extra potential need from Olympic visitors.

"We're calling on the public to make regular blood donation a New Year's resolution.

"Whether you've never donated before, or haven't done for a while, please book your appointment and help save lives in 2012."

A significant drop in donations could have a massive impact on the thousands of people in England who require blood. Blood 'products' are used in accident and emergency wards, as well as to treat people with cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, sickle cell disease, for new mums and babies, and during surgery.

Farewell: Two staff leave school

CHEERS: Pupils at Wellfield Primary School, Burnley, gave a rousing send-off to teacher Jean Barker, right, and lunchtime supervisor Jean Riley, who are leaving

New-look blues fest back to 3 days

Burnley Blues Festival is being given a new lease of life for 2012 – and reverting to its traditional three-day format

STORY 3

WEEKEND TV GUIDE

Paul Merton hosts a festive celebration of British comedy duo Morecambe & Wise

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Residents can share concerns with police

Residents in the Rosehill and Burnley Wood area can meet their neighbourhood police at the first PACT meeting of 2012, on Tuesday, January 4, at the Surestart Centre, in Brunswick Street, from 10am.

Nuisance patrols

Teenagers causing a nuisance in Burnley's Hapton with Park ward, in particularly around the Methodist Church, Whitefield Street, and Hapton Railway Station, are being targeted by police.

Stamp society meets

Burnley and District Philatelic Society will hold its first meeting of 2012 on January 5, at the Central Methodist Church, in Hargreaves Street, Burnley, from 7.30pm. Silvia Jones will present a mystery evening of Postal History, Post Cards and Postage Stamps. The meeting is open to everyone.

Work club help

A work club offering assistance with job applications, training courses, CVs, on-line application forms, and interviews, is being held at Padiham Library. Call 01282 771640 for more details about the free club.

'Rail violence will not be tolerated'

Don't let drunken actions spoil festive season, warn police

By DAVID WATKINSON

Rail passengers are being warned about their behaviour ahead of the New Year.

British Transport Police said violence will not be tolerated on the local network this festive season.

Historically, in the festive period, levels of recorded violence on the railways have increased as the network is used by people who have often been out drinking.

Detective Chief Inspector Malcolm McKinnon said: "It is a sad fact that the consumption of excessive amounts of alcohol often results in violence

"It seems that behaviour which would ordinarily seem completely unacceptable becomes OK when inhibitions and tolerance levels are lowered through drinking too much.

SAFETY: Police will be out in force

"At this time of year – when people should be celebrating – we often see increased levels of violence as people use the rail network following parties and nights out.

"We simply will not tolerate any form of violence on the railway, and officers will be out in force to take action against anyone who becomes aggressive, or violent."

Recently six people were removed from a weekend train travelling from Clitheroe to Manchester because of their behaviour.

Mr McKinnon added: "British Transport Police wants everyone to have a happy and safe holiday and will be working hard to take steps to ensure this is the case.

"Of course, we don't want to spoil nights out, but it is important that everyone is aware of their limits, and the effect their behaviour has on others.

"I ask that everyone thinks hard about their behaviour.

"When drunk, issues that would normally seem trivial can be blown out of proportion and can result in arguments and subsequent violence. Please consider other people, drink responsibly, and don't let your behaviour spoil the festive season."

Deadline for free dinners

The deadline is approaching for parents to register for free school meals for their children.

Lancashire County Council said children whose families receive benefits such as income support and income-based jobseeker's allowance have until January 13 to register. The council said schools will be given extra funding for any child receiving free school meals under the government's pupil premium scheme.

For each child registered for free school meals, the school will get £600, which can be used to benefit their education at the school.

Call 01254 220711 to register.

BAE signs four-year £40m deal

A £40million, four-year deal has been signed with BAE Systems to research the next generation of aircraft technology, the Government has said.

Answering questions in the Commons, defence equipment minister Peter Luff said future development of the aerospace sector was vital for the UK.

Answering a question from Pendle MP Andrew Stephenson, Mr Luff said: "We are committed to providing sustainable support for science and technology across all aspects of defence. The Ministry of Defence has and will continue to invest in the aerospace sector, developing existing capabilities and undertaking research into new ideas.

RESEARCH: Peter Luff

"As part of that on-going investment, I'm pleased to announce we have placed a £40million, four-year research contract with BAE Systems to explore critical technologies and key system integration for the UK's next generation of highly-capable air systems."

BAE is currently undergoing consultation for 1,400 job losses at its two sites in Lancashire, Warton and Samlesbury, because of a slowing order book.

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'Ensure donations go to genuine charity'

Pendle MP Andrew Stephenson is encouraging people to use the new mobile version of the Charity Commission website.

The website m.charitycommission.gov.uk makes it easier for people to check charities' details on their phone before making a donation.

Mr Stephenson said: "People need to ensure their donations are going to a genuine charity."

Residents' surgery

Residents living in the Vivary Bridge area of Colne can meet ward councillor Joe Cooney at his next coffee morning surgery, on Saturday, December 31. Coun Cooney will be at the North Valley Community Centre, from 9.30am to 11am.

Superstore demand

Burnley charity for the homeless Emmaus is now opening its superstore six days a week because of increased demand.

The store, in Ivy Street, will open Monday to Saturday, from 9am to 5pm.

President **Peter Pike** said: "Emmaus helps people to rebuild their lives, giving them a safe home and work."

Music fest back to three days

By JOHN ANSON

One of the UK's leading blues festivals has been given a new name, a new place on the calendar, and a new lease of life for 2012.

For the past couple of years the Burnley Blues Festival, one of the country's longest-established music events of its kind, has been reduced to a single day due to lack of sponsorship. But now Burnley Council has joined with local music promotion company Doc Redeye Events to revamp the event.

The Burnley International Rock and Blues Festival will now be held from Friday, May 4 to Sunday, May 6, reverting to its traditional three-day format.

The Friday and Sunday line-ups will feature more blues rock artists, whereas Saturday will concentrate more on traditional blues.

Backed by Burnley-based AMS Neve, one of the world's leading producers of professional audio equipment, the three-day festival will see the town become 'Little America'. The fringe festival, sponsored by Moorhouse's Brewery, will see individual fringe venues each take on their own identities. So far the Inn on the Wharf will house the Chicago stage; the Talbot, the Austin stage; the Coach and Horses, the New Orleans stage; and the Bridge, the Memphis stage.

Although the full line-up has yet to be announced, organisers are confident one of the biggest blues names from the US will be headlining the opening night with an exclusive UK appearance which will attract fans from all over Europe.

So far two acts have been confirmed, Albany Down and Virgil and the Accelerators – both at the vanguard of the new generation of blues rock outfits.

Coun Jeff Sumner, executive member for leisure and culture, said: "It's great that the festival is back to rocking the town over three days and there's going to be a great party atmosphere over the whole weekend."

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Chinese lanterns warning

People are being urged to think twice before setting off Chinese flying lanterns at New Year.

Lancashire County Council wants to raise awareness of the problems they can cause to livestock, emergency services, and aviation.

County Coun Michael Green said: "There is growing concern about the impact flying lanterns can have on private property and the environment.

"Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service has attended four fires which it is suspected may have been caused by lanterns, and the National Farmers' Union and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency have launched their own public awareness campaigns."

The NFU started a campaign when farmers began to report incidents of cattle suffering illnesses, or death, after swallowing sharp pieces of wire from lanterns which had fallen into bales of hay.

The lanterns, made of paper, wire and a block of solid fuel, can travel many miles before falling back to earth.

College chief Yana lands new top post

Vice-principal was a key driver in creating university campus

By NAFEESA SHAN

A leading education figure who was a key driver in creating Blackburn College's 'world-class' campus is leaving.

Yana Williams has been the vice-principal for almost three years and will take up a new post as principal at Hugh Baird College, on Merseyside, from January.

As Blackburn College's Quality and Development Manager, Yana has been pivotal in the development of the £14million University Centre, which opened in September 2009.

The centre now caters for more than 1,000 higher education students, and is part of the college's wider plans to create an independent university in the town.

Its courses are currently accredited by universities such as Huddersfield and Lancaster.

Yana has also been working to secure education contracts in the Middle East as part of the college's plans to increase international students

She said: "I have really enjoyed my time at Blackburn, and must thank the numerous people and organisations who have been so friendly and supportive of me and the college.

"I am looking forward to working with my new colleagues and welcoming my next challenge at Hugh Baird."

Blackburn College principal Ian Clinton said: "Yana Williams has been my close colleague at Blackburn College since her appointment as vice-principal in February 2009.

"In her role she has contributed enormously to the development of the college, particularly our University Centre and Sixth Form and has also developed positive relationships with many business and community partners.

"She has been a popular leader and will, of course, be missed.

"However, there is something very rewarding for me in hopefully giving her the necessary experience to progress to be a principal of her own college.

"We wish her all the best."

Jim Brown, chairman of the corporation at Hugh Baird College, said: "We are delighted that Yana has been appointed as principal from a very strong field of candidates.

"Yana brings an excellent skill set and enthusiasm to the college that can only improve our services to our customers."

NEXT CHALLENGE: Yana Williams has been appointed principal at Hugh Baird College

Helpline for young people stays open

A Lancashire County Council service which provides information and advice to young people on any issues that concern them will be open throughout the festive period.

The Line's guidance and support services are available to young people between the ages of 13 and 19, and up to the age of 25 for those with a disability.

The Line, which is open between 10am and 10pm every day, is run by the county council's Young People's Service. It opened in 1993 as a local helpline to support youth workers and young people in youth clubs in Lancashire.

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Since then, it has grown to include email, text and webchat.

County Coun Mark Perks, cabinet member for young people, said: "We are conscious of the fact that Christmas isn't always a happy time for everyone.

"For us as adults, Christmas and New Year can be a busy and stressful time.

"However, we should remember that the festive period can be a difficult time for young people as well. The good news for young people in Lancashire, and further afield, who aren't having a great time is that they're not alone."

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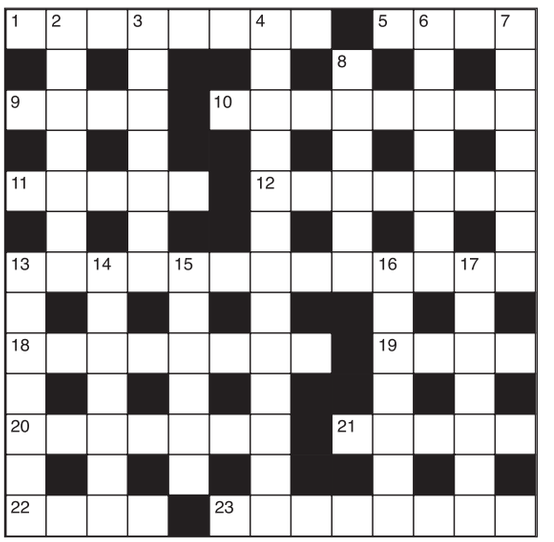
1. Composer has new role for a single (8)
5. The Queen is in charge of him (4)
9. Rodents backing a celebrity (4)
10. Taught to give an English coin to the journalist (8)
11. A nose for tobacco (5)
12. I managed the boy from the Middle East (7)
13. Helped get Kate to come out and give up alcohol (4,3,6)
18. Oil spilt in January column (8)
19. Throw the skin (4)
20. Outran the student to captivate (7)
21. Villain's stick (5)
22. The right sign? (4)
23. Nine makes spilling teas a hazard (8)

DOWN

2. Insect she picked up on an aerial (7)
3. Said the woman's outfit was covered in hair (7)
4. Will Dave's toes be treated with traditional wisdom? (3,5,5)
6. Courting again? (7)
7. Beat the bounder upsetting the EEC meeting around the capital of the Netherlands (7)
8. Science has the right law about scribble (6)
13. Storm when the secretary is French (7)
14. Nice kit tangled when moving (7)
15. Sir let workmen out (6)
16. First Euro-MP to make a mistake about love becomes ruler (7)
17. Logs law about a place of execution (7)



QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

1. Ominous (8)
5. Essence (4)
9. Pal (4)
10. Gushing (8)
11. Trim (5)
12. Clash (7)
13. Deliberately (13)
18. Learned (8)
19. Zero (4)
20. Stern (7)
21. Swift (5)
22. Neat (4)
23. Harshness (8)

DOWN

2. Brutal (7)
3. Dip (7)
4. Efficiency (13)
6. First (7)
7. In that way (7)
8. Morose (6)
13. Imprecise (7)
14. Bound (7)
15. Approached (6)
16. Ring-shaped (7)
17. Merciful (7)

Solutions

Cryptic: Across: 1 Bachelor; 5 Eric; 9 Star; 10 Educated; 11 Snout; 12 Iranian; 13 Take the pledge; 18 Monolith; 19 Pelt; 20 Entrail; 21 Crook; 22 Tick; 23 Asterisk. **Down:** 2 Antenna; 3 Hirsute; 4 Old wives' tales; 6 Retried; 7 Cadence; 8 Scrawl; 13 Tempest; 14 Kinetic; 15 Tilers; 16 Emperor; 17 Gallows.

Quick: Across: 1 Sinister; 5 Gist; 9 Chum; 10 Effusive; 11 Smart; 12 Collide; 13 Intentionally; 18 Educated; 19 None; 20 Austere; 21 Fleet; 22 Tidy; 23 Asperity. **Down:** 2 Inhuman; 3 Immerse; 4 Effectiveness; 6 Initial; 7 Thereby; 8 Sullen; 13 Inexact; 14 Trussed; 15 Neared; 16 Annular; 17 Lenient.

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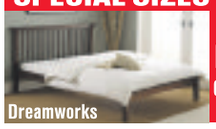

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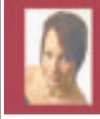

Aries March 21st-April 20th

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Taurus April 21st-May 21st

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Gemini May 22nd-June 21st

Your social nature is in for a shake up as you find yourself forced to choose between two sets of friends. Try not to be emotionally blackmailed into anything Gemini. Standing up for your beliefs can work wonders for the respect you're craving. Give me a ring now to find out why it's worth pursuing solo business paths in 2012.

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Cancer June 22nd-July 23rd

It's decision time in love but you may find it hard to know how you really feel due to the influence of friends and family. You are the one who will have to live with the person you choose, so you are the one who must make the final choice. New Year's events give you all the evidence you need, so pay attention. Ring now for courage.

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Leo July 24th-August 23rd

Venus plays games with your heart and you may find yourself questioning recent choices you have made. Give yourself time and don't be forced before you're ready or you'll doubt what you're doing even if it is the right decision. Last minute invites provide the most romantic New Year's Eve and day. Call now and I'll reveal all.

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Virgo August 24th-September 23rd

Your need to know what is going on in other peoples lives has seen you miss out on hearing what others feel about you and what is going on in your own life. Accepting impromptu invites for New Years Eve can put a very large smile on your face. Give me a ring now to hear why it's worth laying all your cards on the table in love.

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Libra September 24th-October 23rd

Someone has told some tales on you and even though you may be feeling somewhat distraught and let down, you'll have to trust me when I tell you that they really have done you a favour Libra. Love takes an interesting turn as you start to see through actions and hear through words that you are truly loved. Ring now, I have plenty more to tell you.

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Scorpio October 24th-November 22nd

You're in the mood for mischief, which for a determined sign such as yourself means you're likely to find it. The good news is that for once you're attracted to faces who are compatible with you, rather than picking the types who can only bring chaos to your life. Ring me now to hear why the month ahead is a great time to push for promotions.

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Sagittarius November 23rd-December 21st

Jealousy has caused an awful lot of problems for you over the last few months and this week would be a good time for you to finally put the past behind you and to work at being friends. It's the key to you finding personal happiness and a new relationship. Ring now for important news on those finances.

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Capricorn December 22nd-January 20th

Lies have been told and it's important that you don't believe any of them. If you want to know the answer to a question then make sure you do the asking yourself and to the person concerned, not to a third party. Good news from a younger face gives you reason to celebrate New Year in style. Ring now so I can tell you your New Year predictions.

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Aquarius January 21st-February 19th

I'm pleased and proud to say that you're now approaching one of the most positive years of your life you've seen in quite some time. 2011 saw you having to learn to get on with someone who, at one point last year, you never thought you'd see again, let alone talk to. Ring me now to hear why 2012 is such a happy year for you.

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Pisces February 20th-March 20th

This New Years Eve is sure to see you feeling far more positive about the year ahead and about what life has to offer you. Don't pretend to know things you don't to a close one. You could end up having to make a very large apology for what you're soon to find out, is just Chinese whispers. Ring now for your 2012 forecast.

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Crash survivor in air medics appeal

By NEIL DOCKING

An East Lancashire man who survived a 'horrific' car crash thanks to North West Air Ambulance has called on people to support the charity this New Year.

The pilots and paramedics of the NWAA will be busy saving lives throughout the festive period.

The region's two emergency helicopters operate 365 days a year to save lives.

Incidents they attend include car crashes, sledging accidents, riders falling from horses, and ramblers slipping while out walking.

Nick Roberts, 35, was involved in an accident near The Shepherds Rest pub, in Wilpshire Road, Blackburn, in September 2010, which left him trapped in his car with life-threatening injuries.

The stationary company manager suffered a fractured skull, eye socket and neck, a full set of broken ribs down his right side, a broken wrist, and a broken arm.

He said: "It was horrific. I had a torn aorta, which is one of the heart's main arteries and this was bleeding into the cavity where my lung should have been.

LIFE SAVED: Nick Roberts on board a North West Air Ambulance helicopter

"Unfortunately I had a collapsed lung and I needed transferring to Wythenshawe Hospital on the outskirts of Manchester.

"Luckily the air ambulance came to my aid and they managed to get me there in less than 10 minutes."

Since recovering from his injuries Nick, from Blackburn, has walked the Great Wall of China to raise money for the service.

It costs more than £4million a year to run the helicopters, based at Blackpool Airport and City Airport, Manchester.

And the charity, which covers Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Cheshire, South Cumbria, and Merseyside, relies almost entirely on donations made by the public.

NWAA chief executive Lynda Brislin said: "People still venture out in the festive period, whether it's travelling to be with friends and family, or taking to the fells for a walk.

"We'd ask people to remember the charity and help us continue our vital work with a donation, however small."

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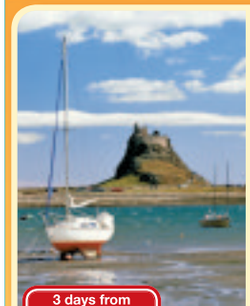

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Making a song and dance about Corrie

Britain's longest-running soap is to be turned into a spectacular stage musical.

Street of Dreams, a celebration of Coronation Street, will receive its world premiere at the MEN Arena, in March.

The show will be hosted by Paul O'Grady, a lifelong devotee of the soap, which has celebrated 50 years on ITV.

He will tell the history of life in Weatherfield and, along the way, bump into a number of well-known characters, with some guest stars also getting involved.

The show sees an appearance of Julie Goodyear as landlady Bet Lynch, and Curly Watts played by Kevin Kennedy.

Other Street favourites returning for the show are Brian Capron, serial killer Richard Hillman, and the longest-serving cast member William Roache (Ken Barlow).

Current cast members will appear alongside their former neighbours as they take a trip down memory lane, highlighting unforgettable Weatherfield moments through a 90-minute song and dance spectacular, supported by a West End cast and 25-piece orchestra.

Paul O'Grady said: "I'm a great fan of the street. I've watched it for most of my life. Chunks of script from 30 years ago are engraved in my memory."

GUEST STAR: Julie Goodyear

HOST: Corrie devotee Paul O'Grady

■ **Coronation Street; Street of Dreams, MEN Arena, Wednesday, March 21 and Thursday, March 22. Details from 0844 847 8000.**

Cinema round-up

SHERLOCK HOLMES: A GAME OF SHADOWS (12A) Guy Ritchie's action-packed sequel to his 2009 reinvention of the fictional detective, starring Robert Downey Jr and Jude Law.

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: CHIPWRECKED (U) Dave (Jason Lee) heads off on a luxury cruise with singing critters Alvin, Simon and Theodore and the feisty Chipettes.

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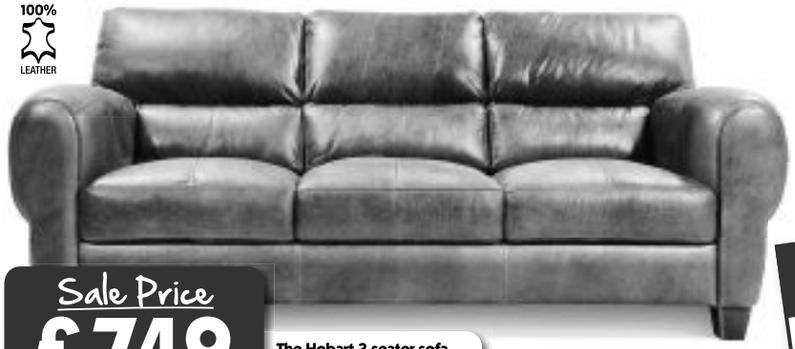

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6.25 Winter Wipeout. Richard Hammond and Amanda Byram present a winter-themed version of Total Wipeout, which sees the contestants tackling an all-new snow-covered course.
7.25 FILM: Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End. (2007) The swashbuckling rogues join forces with old foe Barbossa to rescue Captain Jack Sparrow from the land of the dead. Fantasy adventure sequel, with Johnny Depp and Geoffrey Rush.
10.00 BBC News; Weather.
10.20 Match of the Day. Highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Swansea City v Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester United v Blackburn Rovers.
11.40 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.
11.50 New Year Live 2011.

12.15 Lee Mack Going Out Live; National Lottery Update. **1.15** Michael McIntyre's Christmas Comedy Roadshow. (R) **2.15** Weatherview. **2.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.05** CBBC. **10.05** Film: Home on the Range. (2004) Disney animated comedy, with the voice of Roseanne Barr. **11.15** Film: First Daughter. (2004) Romantic comedy, starring Katie Holmes and Marc Blucas. **12.55** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.35** Film: Viva Knievel! (1977) Motorcycling adventure, starring Evel Knievel. **3.15** Springwatch Christmas Special. (R) **4.45** Film: The Guns of Navarone. (1961) Second World War adventure, starring Gregory Peck.

7.15 Flog It! From Stoke-on-Trent. (R)
8.00 Morecambe & Wise: The Show What Paul Merton Did. Paul Merton hosts a festive celebration of the British comedy duo, featuring archive footage, tributes from their peers and comments from performers who still feel their influence. (R)
9.00 Eric & Ernie. One-off drama about Morecambe and Wise's early years, from their meeting on the children's variety circuit to their first TV appearances. Victoria Wood stars. (R)
10.30 Parkinson, Morecambe & Wise. Michael Parkinson looks back at his 1972 interview with the comedy duo. (R)
11.15 Jools' Annual Hootenanny 2011. With Cyndi Lauper, Jessie J, James Morrison and the Vaccines.

1.30 Glastonbury Best Bits 2011. (R) **3.35** Close.

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6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **7.55** Film: Scooby-Doo and the Alien Invaders. (2000) Animated adventure, with the voice of Jeff Bennett. **9.25** Monk. **9.30** Horrid Henry. (R) **9.45** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! (R) **10.45** Coronation Street. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.45** Film: Pride and Prejudice. (2005) Period drama, starring Keira Knightley. **4.05** Film: The Queen. (2006) Oscar-winning biographical drama, starring Helen Mirren.

6.05 Regional Programmes.
6.15 ITV News; Weather.
6.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp Xmas Special. Compilation of the show's festive specials. (R)
7.00 Westlife: For the Last Time. The boys perform their greatest hits in a farewell special. (R)
8.00 The Cube. Two more contestants take on the challenge. Last in the series.
9.00 Brand New It'll Be Alright on the Night 2. Selection of TV bloopers, presented by Griff Rhys Jones.
10.00 ITV News; Weather.
10.15 The Nation's Favourite Bee Gees Song. (R)
11.45 ITV News and Countdown to 2012.

12.05 That Was 2011: The ITV News Review of the Year. The major stories of the past 12 months. **1.05** Film: The Blues Brothers. (1980) Comedy, starring John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd; ITV News Headlines. **3.20** In Plain Sight. **4.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.55** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** GT Academy. **7.30** Extreme Sailing Series. **8.00** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. **9.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. **9.50** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **10.50** T4: Beyoncé Live at Roseland. **11.55** Film: Three Men and a Baby. (1987) Comedy, starring Tom Selleck. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** The Simpsons. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.55** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.25 Come Dine with Me. Toni Giugliano hosts the final dinner party in Edinburgh. (R)
6.55 Channel 4 News.
7.05 4thought.tv. A Christian lesbian reveals what Christmas means to her.
7.10 FILM: Porridge. (1979) Prison comedy, starring Ronnie Barker.
9.00 Alan Carr's New Year Specstacular. The comic throws a New Year party, with guests Jonathan Ross, David Walliams, Micky Flanagan, Alesha Dixon, Bruno Tonioli and Heston Blumenthal, and music by JLS and the Ting Tings.
11.35 Rude Tube: Epic Christmas. The 50 greatest festive internet videos. (R)

12.40 The Simpsons. **1.10** Film: Invasion of the Body Snatchers. (1956) **2.30** Southland. **3.15** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.05** Brave New World with Stephen Hawking. (R) **5.00** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **5.50** Sali Mali. (R) **5.55** The Hoobs. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Impossible? **11.00** World's Strongest Man 2011. (R) **12.00** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **12.55** Ben Hur. (R) **4.35** Film: 21. (2008) Premiere. A brilliant but hard-up student agrees to be inducted into a card-counting scam to raise the money he needs to enrol in college. Drama, with Kevin Spacey. Including 5 News Update.

6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 World's Strongest Man 2011. James Richardson and Caroline Pearce present heat five of the finals from Wingate University, North Carolina, where the line-up for the final was set to be decided.
8.00 TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks. A rundown of illusions that have stood the test of time on the small screen, featuring Penn and Teller, Derren Brown, David Blaine, Paul Daniels and new kid on the block Dynamo.
10.40 FILM: Up the Front. (1972) A cowardly footman is hypnotised into enlisting during the First World War, and ends up being tattooed with secret German plans. Comedy, starring Frankie Howerd and Zsa Zsa Gabor.

12.25 Comedy Kings: Best of Just for Laughs. With Dara O Briain and Louis CK. (R) **12.50** SuperCasino. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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7.00 EastEnders. Extended episode. Pat's friends and family gather as her condition deteriorates rapidly.
8.10 Sherlock. New series. Holmes investigates a case of blackmail threatening to topple the monarchy.
9.40 Absolutely Fabulous. Edina signs a French movie actress in a bid to win Saffy's respect and bolster her client list.
10.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.35 Adele Live at the Royal Albert Hall. Coverage of the singer in concert in September 2011.
11.35 FILM: Cold Mountain. (2003) Anthony Minghella's period drama, starring Nicole Kidman.

2.00 Weatherview. **2.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBBC. **9.55** Film: Gun Fury. (1953) Western, starring Rock Hudson. **11.15** New Year's Day Concert from Vienna 2012. **12.40** Film: Dean Spanley. (2008) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Sam Neill. **2.15** Film: Force 10 from Navarone. (1978) Second World War adventure sequel, starring Harrison Ford. **4.15** The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message. (R) **4.20** Film: The Eagle Has Landed. (1976) Adventure, with Michael Caine.

6.30 You Have Been Watching — David Croft. Tribute to the TV comedy writer, who died last September and was known for his work on sitcoms Dad's Army, 'Allo 'Allo!, Are You Being Served?, It Ain't Half Hot Mum and Hi-de-Hi! (R)
7.30 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring puts the defence of the realm before personal pride. (R)
8.00 Great Barrier Reef. New series. Monty Halls explores the Australian coral reef and the wildlife that inhabits it.
9.00 A History of Ancient Britain Special: Orkney's Stone Age Temple. A newly discovered 5,000-year-old temple on Orkney.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Sunderland v Manchester City.
11.00 QI XL. With Ross Noble, Jack Dee and Phill Jupitus. (R)
11.45 FILM: Broken Flowers. (2005) Drama, with Bill Murray.

1.25 BBC News. **2.30** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.05** Film: Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chase. (2001) Animated adventure, with the voice of Bob Bergen. **9.25** Film: Beethoven. (1991) Canine comedy, starring Charles Grodin. **11.00** Film: Licence to Kill. (1989) James Bond spy thriller, starring Timothy Dalton. **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.40** Inspector Morse. (R) **3.45** Downton Abbey. (R) **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New You've Been Framed Top 100 Kids! Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile-phone footage from the archives.
7.00 FILM: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. (2009) Premiere. The wizard must uncover the secrets of Lord Voldemort's past to try to end his reign of terror. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe.
9.45 The Unforgettable John Thaw. A tribute to the actor who achieved fame playing DI Jack Regan in the gritty 1970s police drama The Sweeney, but whose most memorable role was as the opera-loving Inspector Morse.
10.45 ITV News; Weather.
11.00 FILM: Analyze This. (1999) Comedy, starring Robert De Niro.

12.55 Premiership Rugby Union; ITV News Headlines. **1.50** Film: The Whole Ten Yards. (2004) Comedy sequel, starring Matthew Perry. **3.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.55** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.20 The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** Film: The Land Before Time. (1988) Animated adventure, with the voice of Gabriel Damon. **8.00** Film: Arctic Tale. (2007) Premiere. Documentary on Arctic wildlife. **9.45** Film: The Bridge on the River Kwai. (1957) Drama, with Alec Guinness. **12.50** Channel 4 Racing. **3.20** Film: True Grit. (1969) Western, starring John Wayne. **5.45** Channel 4 News. **5.55** 4thought.tv.

6.00 Deal or No Deal. Contestants try to beat the banker and guess the contents of mystery boxes to win a big-money prize.
7.00 Come Dine with Me. Full-time mum Sheila hosts the first dinner party in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, hoping to impress call-centre worker Caroline, administrator Eunan and company director David.
8.00 The Hotel. New series. Documentary exploring life at the Grosvenor Hotel, Torquay.
9.00 Bear's Wild Weekend with Jonathan Ross. The chat show host travels to La Palma with Bear Grylls.
10.00 Hacks. Phone-hacking satire, starring Claire Foy and Michael Kitchen.
11.05 Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2011. (R)

1.10 American Football Live. A match from the final weekend of the season. **4.45** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) **5.10** Post Modern Pastimes. (R) **5.25** Brothers & Sisters. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Mio Mao. (R) **8.10** Olivia. (R) **8.25** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **8.30** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.40** Angelina Ballerina. **8.55** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.05** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **10.15** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.45** The Top 10 Aussie Soap Moments 2011. **11.45** World's Strongest Man 2011. (R) **12.45** Film: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. (1954) Musical Western, starring Howard Keel. **2.50** Film: The Wizard of Oz. (1939) Musical fantasy, starring Judy Garland. **4.55** Film: Return to Oz. (1985) Fantasy adventure, starring Fairuza Balk.

6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 World's Strongest Man 2011.
8.00 An Audience with Dame Edna: 1980. (R)
9.15 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments of 2011. (R)

12.10 The Truth About Cheryl Cole. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.35** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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REACH OUT YOUR HAND Tall, attractive Darwen woman, 47, slim/med build, GSOH, caring, enjoys films, countryside, nights out/in, would like to meet a tall man, 45-55, honest and sincere, for company and maybe more.. Box **114691 t**

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GAME OF LIFE Friendly, brown-haired woman, 53, 5'6'', nurse, mum, GSOH, enjoys cooking, travel and more, seeks an active, interesting man. Blackburn.. Box **100516 t**

NEED COMPANY? Very friendly, widow lady, 53, likes the simple things in life, seeks genuine male, for genuine friendship. Chorley. Box **105232 t**

LOOKING FOR MR NICE Widow, Blackburn lady, 54, brown hair, blue eyes, N/S, enjoys walking, countryside, pubs, wining, walking my dog, dancing, cinema, looking for a sociable male, for ltr.. Box **106138**

LOOKING FOR A REAL MAN Blackburn female, 55, 5'6'', brow hair, N/S, grown up child, enjoys days out, seaside, car boot sales, social drinks, looking for a loyal, honest guy.. Box **110009 t**

A NEW CHAPTER Genuine, attractive lady from Blackburn, 55, brunette, enjoy socialising and would like to meet a caring, presentable man with gsoh, for days out and friendship initially.. Box **111316 t**

LOOK FORWARD TO IT Affectionate, separated lady, 55, 5'3'', hazel eyes, nice figure, likes nights in & out, keeping fit, seeks nice male, 40-58 to settle down with. Burnley. Box **104788 t**

EASY TO TALK TO Happy, honest and sincere lady, attractive, aged, 53, 5ft5, brown hair/eyes. I'm a non-smoker and enjoy days out, holidays, meals out etc. Blackburn.. Box **467203**

MAKE EACH OTHER SMILE Young at heart 55yr old lady, brunette, likes dancing, cinema, walking, meals in & out, wltm similar gent, for friendship leading to more. Bolton.. Box **102049 t**

LONG LASTING HAPPINESS Down to earth female, 56, gsoh, smoker, into most things, looking for an easygoing male, 50-60 for good times leading to more. Blackburn.. Box **104793 t**

SHARE YOUR LIFE WITH ME Honest female, 57, 5'1'', own house, enjoys meals in & out, countryside, holidays, seeks a decent gent, 56-62 for genuine company and more. Accrington.. Box **101002**

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK Active, lively Accrington female, 57, 5'1'', N/S, with glasses, loves dancing and socialising, searching for an honest, quiet, friendly man, to share a big, bright future with.. Box **116436 t**

SOMETHING TO CHERISH Blackburn lady, 57, N/S, honest, enjoys dancing, wine, meals out and coach trips, searching for a man, 60-65, N/S, for socialising.. Box **110850 t**

MEANINGFUL TIMES Separated female, 58, 5'5'', brown hair, slim, looking for a genuine male 58-61, to share nights out & cosy nights in. Darwen/Lancashire. Box **111911**

SEEKING COMPANION Loving, affectionate Accrington female, 59, many interest, looking for a kind generous and caring male, to share life with.. Box **115741 t**

IS IT YOU? Easygoing, solvent Barnoldswick widow, 61, many varied interests, searching for a non-smoking man, with GSOH, for friendship and companionship.. Box **113226 t**

ROMANTIC EVENINGS Independent, attractive lady, 50's. I have a GSOH and enjoy travel. I'm a non-smoker and a good cook and WLTM social male in the Bolton area.. Box **465747**

THE FINER THINGS IN LIFE Outgoing, attractive lady, 62, blonde NS with blue eyes. GSOH, enjoys good conversation, dancing travel and cooking. Semi-retired with own business. WLTM a smart solvent male 52-65 for friendship possibly more.. Box **111809 t**

SETTLE DOWN WITH ME Divorced female, 62, gsoh, smoker, from Bolton, likes socialising, countryside, wltm sincere gent.. Box **108734 t**

GREAT COMPANIONS Petite, christian lady, 63, blonde hair, likes countryside, meals out, pets, gardening, walking, seeks gentleman friend, for 45-75 for friendship & more. Burnley.. Box **102703**

ASK ME OUT! Honest, caring female, 63, 5'3'', slim, likes dancing, socialising and holidays abroad, seeks a man, 60-65, to enjoy life with. Burnley/Lancs.. Box **108090 t**

HAPPY SORT Slim blonde with blue eyes, 64, 5'4'', attractive looking, loves to go out and have a social drink, seeking an outgoing compassionate chap, to enjoys good times together. Chorley. Box **116115**

MAYBE MORE THAN FRIENDS? Bubbly Chorley female, 66, 5'5'', blonde with blue eyes, good sense of humour, non-smoker, would like to meet a honest and genuine man, for socialising, days out, travel and maybe more.. Box **114954**

STILL SEARCHING FOR YOU female, 68, long hair, green eyes, slim build, loves animals, walking, pub lunches, looking for a nice gent 67-70. Accrington/Lancashire. Box **112143**

PLENTY OF LOVING Blackburn lady, 69, 5'5'', blonde hair & brown eyes, would love to meet a lovely man, 55-75, for tender loving care.. Box **101525**

EXPLORE NEW HORIZONS WITH ME Supportive, thoughtful Nelson widow, 74, own bungalow, looking for a happy gent, for friendship and company.. Box **113980**

TAKING THE FIRST STEP Young, blonde haired, blue eyed 74yr old Blackburn lady, petite, would like to meet an honest male to have a chat & a drink with. Likes going for country drives and weekend away.. Box **114823 t**

COUNTRY LADY Genuine, kind Clitheroe woman, 74, dog lover, friendly, caring, enjoys countryside, dogs, socialising & eating out, seeking a similar gentleman, active, sincere & GSOH, for company and days out.. Box **115352**

THINGS IN COMMON? Shy at first type Blackburn male, 25, likes nights in and out, meals and generally having a good time, seeking a non-smoking female for friendship leading to a relationship.. Box **115438 t**

PROMISE YOU Single male, 25, 5'9'', blue eyes, short ginger hair, from Nelson, enjoys playing snooker, friends & family, seeks romantic female to enjoy good times with.. Box **111348 t**

CARE FOR A WALK? Easygoing, reliable Blackburn guy, 36, tall, blue eyes, GSOH, enjoys socialising, keeping fit and cinema, searching for a genuine woman, funny, caring and honest, for romantic dates and more.. Box **114640 t**

GO ON, TAKE A CHANCE! Honest, friendly St. Helens guy, 36, looking for a lady 40-55, for good times and laughter, friendship at first possibly leading to more.. Box **106232**

SEEKING GENUINE LADY Good looking guy, 38, 5'11'', enjoys walks and going to the gym, wltm female, 30-55 for weekends away, travelling, cosy times in & more. Accrington.. Box **102220 t**

PURE KINDNESS Caring, outgoing Nelson male, 41, likes nights in & out, countryside, looking for a genuine, honest caring female, who wishes to settle down into a long term relationship.. Box **114258 t**

CONSIDER ME Down to earth male, 41, varied interest, looking for a sociable female, 38-47 for fun, friendship and maybe more. Nelson.. Box **103836 t**

SEARCHING FOR A COMPANION Enjoy wildlife and keeping fit? 44yr old Darwen guy, GSOH, likes walking, cycling, swimming, cosy nights in, would like to meet a woman with similar interests, to share experiences with.. Box **114537 t**

SO GOOD TOGETHER Young 42, single, genuine honest & caring male, looking for that special someone to care for and share life together. Chorley.. Box **852878**

DON'T STOP BELIEVING! Busy single dad, genuine, caring, warm hearted, 45, GSOH, enjoys meals out and cosy nights in, would like to meet a similar minded lady, honest, kind, to spend quality time with. St Helens/Lancs. Box **112238**

REACH OUT YOUR MIND Down to earth male, 46, likes going out, pubs, eating out, music, seeks outgoing female, 42-52 for fun, friendship & more. Blackburn.. Box **104053 t**

SEARCHING FOR A SPECIAL LADY Active, delightful male, 46, own house, likes the outdoors, country pubs, keep fit, gardening, driving, holidays, seeks fun female, to enjoy good times together. Accrington.. Box **103201 t**

ADVENTURE AHEAD male, 46, 5'10'', green eyes, smoker, N/D, likes social clubs, cosy nights in, music, eating out, seeks fun lady 30-50 to share good times with.. Box **100084 t**

WORD FOR WORD Easygoing male, 43, 5ft10, dark hair, blue eyes, gsoh, likes keeping fit, the outdoors, nights in/out, looking for a nice Wigan lady. . Box **877028 t**

LIFE IS MADE FOR TWO Happy go lucky male, 47, dark hair, average build, looking for a fun lady, for fun, laughter and hopefully more. Nelson.. Box **102774 t**

MOTORCYCLE EMPTINESS Genuine, happy Rossendale guy, GSOH, 48, enjoys motorcycling, eating out/in, cinema, travel, ready to get back in the game to meet an active, bit trendy, smiley female for good times.. Box **112275**

GOOD COMPANY REQUIRED Easygoing male, 49, own house, likes keep fit, country pubs, jogging, looking for a female, to share happy times with. Accrington/Lancashire. Box **111868**

RIGHT HERE WAITING Warm hearted male, 49, likes the gym, swimming, travel, seeks nice female, 30-50 to share good times and more together.. Box **104599 t**

REACH OUT Friendly male, 50, 5'9'', enjoys socialising, dancing and having a laugh, seeks an equally loving and caring woman, to get to know better. Lancs.. Box **100026 t**

IN YOUR COMPANY Adventurous male, 50, brown eyes, stocky build, loves outdoor pursuits, wltm attractive, curvy lady, for fun, friendship and more. Chorley.. Box **101586 t**

LIFE & LOVE Active, happy bloke, 50, searching for a down-2-earth woman, to make a fresh start with. Accrington.. Box **100244 t**

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL PERSON Happy go lucky, separated Darwen male, 51, 5'6'', brown hair, blue eyes, own car, smoker, likes pictures, socialising, car boot sales, works shifts, looking for an honest woman 35-45 for LTR.. Box **116601 t**

HAPPINESS AHEAD Romantic guy with a cheeky smile, 51, short hair, slim build, Chorley based, likes cooking, nights in, wltm female, to share good times together.. Box **108102 t**

LOOKING FOR A RELATIONSHIP Trustworthy male, 51, 5'11'', fair hair, blue eyes, seeks loyal, reliable female, to settle down with. Blackburn. Box **105742 t**

LIFES UPS AND DOWNS Professional, separated, honest male, 51, N/S, loves driving, animals, the great outdoors, seeks like minded female, 40-50. Darwen.. Box **102481 t**

MISSING SOMEONE SPECIAL Easygoing, N/S 52yr old male, 5'5'', likes music, cycling, countryside, cosy nights in, wltm nice female, for a possible LTR. Burnley.. Box **101460 t**

ALL THE BEST Open, friendly Darwen male, 52, 5'8'', brown hair, blue eyes, average build, varied interest, seeking a nice friendly female, 45-55 for company and maybe more.. Box **114305**

SEE THE FUTURE Honest, reliable, N/S male, 53, likes swimming, live bands, holidays, seeks caring, honest female, for good times and more. Blackburn.. Box **104050 t**

THATS JUST ME Down to earth Blackburn male, 54, 5'8'', short hair, blue eyes, no ties, would like to meet a woman to share walks, nights in and out, countryside and most things in general.. Box **115004 t**

FIND OUT MORE Affectionate, active male, 59, medium build, N/S, likes driving, meals out, social drinks, motor bikes, seeks sincere female, 50-59 for ltr. Wigan.. Box **104192**

QUALITY MOMENTS TOGETHER Widowed male, 59, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, GSOH with no ties, looking for a loving female, to enjoy life with. Blackburn.. Box **102137 t**

LIFE'S SIMPLE PLEASURES Nice, easygoing Preston gent, 59, GSOH, enjoys travel, sports, music, walking, museums and going for drink, seeking a nice lady to enjoy these good times with, maybe leading to a LTR.. Box **114563 t**

MY SIMPLE WISH Widowed male, 59, 5'8'', coach driver, many interest, looking for a nice lady, 45-65 to enjoy life with. Burnley.. Box **104247 t**

BREATH OF FRESH AIR Decent tall, slim Blackburn guy, 60, gsoh, great company, young outlook, likes countryside, day trips, cosy nights, wltm similar slim decent lass, 50-60 to share life's simple pleasures.. Box **116839 t**

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NOT JUST WORDS Sincere, active Accrington gent, 67, own home and car, likes day trips, holidays, seaside and the countryside, seeks a loving lady for good times, company and companionship.. Box **100453**

THE STARS SHINE FOR YOU Tactile, caring chap, 68, 5'9'', N/S, N/D, own car, divorcee, likes meals out, cosy times in, garden centres, country pubs, seeks N/S lady. Chorley.. Box **102046**

GOOD COMPANY Active Warrington male, 71, own house/car, likes day out and weekend away, would like to meet a lady under 75, for companionship and more.. Box **104198**

ENRICH OUR LIVES Friendly, decent Nelson gent, 77, med build, 5'7'', active, enjoys various interests, meals out and walks by the coast, searching for a petite lady, kind and caring, for companionship & more.. Box **115423**

REAL FRIENDSHIP Straight, average girl, 35, 5'8'', loves live rock bands, writing, reading, animals, vegetarian, pubs, cinema, looking for new friends, 21-55 around Chorley. Claire please leave contact number.. Box **104453 t**

LET THE GOOD TIMES FLOW Easygoing Blackburn female, 45, loves animals, running, socialising and trying new things, looking for a female for fun laughter and friendship.. Box **117717 t**

GIRLS DAY OUT Lancashire lass, straight, own business, own car, GSOH, 51, enjoys days out, socialising, would like to meet other straight ladies for laughs, company and trips out.. Box **112435 t**

FOR REAL 47 year old man looking for slim, short mature gent for serious relationship, caring and loving just trying to find the right guy for me! Accrington.. Box **861382**

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2 In Superbowl XLV quarterback Aaron Rodgers was named Most Valuable Player, completing 24 of 39 passes for 304 yards and three touchdowns, but for which team?

3 Which Olympic champion swimmer confirmed a visit to London inspired him to come out of retirement in a bid to compete at the 2012 London Olympics?

4 Which former England football coach was sacked by German side Wolfsburg after just nine months in charge?

5 Who was the AC Milan captain banned for four matches after clashing with Tottenham assistant coach Joe Jordan during a Champions League tie?

6 What was so unusual about Dorchester Town's Ashley Vickers being sent off for a tackle in his side's 3-1 defeat at Havant & Waterlooville?

7 Who scored Barcelona's third goal in their 3-1 victory over Manchester United in the UEFA Champions League final?

8 Barcelona's motto is 'Mes que un club' – which translates to what?

Q9

9 Club chairman Mohammed Al Fayed told Fulham fans they can 'go to hell' if they didn't appreciate what?

10 Who was given a two-match ban by the Football Association for using offensive language during Manchester United's 4-2 defeat of West Ham?

11 Which chief organiser of the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi was arrested and jailed following an investigation into allegations of corruption?

12 Who became the first coach to take a club from League One to the Premier League since Joe Royle achieved it with Man City in 2000?

13 Who scored twice to reach 100 goals for Real Madrid and help the nine-time winners advanced to the knockout phase of the Champions League with a 2-0 victory at Lyon?

Q32

14 How did 24-year-old Kenyan Olympic marathon champion Samuel 'Sammy' Wanjiru die at his home in the Rift Valley town of Nyahururu?

15 Where was play suspended, and golfers escorted from the course over fears that a tiger was on the loose only to find that it was a life-sized toy animal?

16 Why did the charity Action For Kids give Lloyd Scott his marching orders after he crawled the London Marathon dressed as Brian the Snail from The Magic Roundabout?

17 Novak Djokovic beat Rafael Nadal in the men's singles final at Wimbledon, but was that the first or second time he's won the Wimbledon title?

18 ... And who knocked Murray out of the tournament in the semi-final beating him, 7–5, 2–6, 2–6, 4–6?

19 Who became Lawn Tennis's first Grand Slam tournament champion of either gender to be born in the 1990s?

20 Whose attempt to smash the UK land speed record for an electric car ended when he hit a pothole on a beach in Carmarthenshire?

21 Who did England's men's team thrash 8-1 in their final group game in Germany to join their female counterparts in Euro Hockey's semi-finals?

22 Who was disqualified from the final of the men's 100m for a false start at the World Athletics Championships ...?

23 ... And which fellow countryman went on to win Gold for Jamaica in the event?

24 Which trainer of the legendary three-time Grand National winner Red Rum died, aged 80?

Q22

25 Who exploded across the line in a bunch sprint to become Britain's first world road race champion for 46 years as his team rode a near-perfect race in Denmark?

26 At what event was Italian motorcyclist Marco Simoncelli killed after a horrific crash?

27 Which team were beaten by Australia 11–9 in the quarter-finals of the 2011 Rugby World cup?

28 Which Cuban athlete finished first in the Men's 110 metres hurdles at the IAAF World Championships in Athletics, but was disqualified for interfering with Liu Xiang twice before and over the last barrier?

29 Who hit an unbeaten 91 in Cricket's World Cup final and was adjudged man of the match?

30 What was so unusual about the balls when Kent met Glamorgan in cricket's County Championship in September?

31 In the men's long programme at the World Figure skating championships, which French skater slashed his hand on his skate blade and left drops of blood all over the ice?

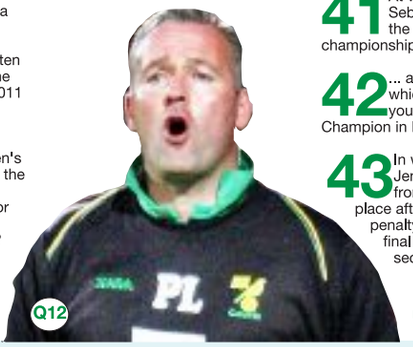
32 Who rode Long Run to success in the Cheltenham Gold Cup?

33 What was Rory McIlroy's winning margin over Jason Day in golf's U.S. Open, his first major win?

34 Which Northern Irishman won his first major title when he won The Open Championshipi by three strokes over Americans Dustin Johnson and Phil Mickelson?

35 The Masters title at Augusta went to which South African?

36 Who was the Irish Independent writing about in May with the following tribute: 'He spoke many other languages too: the dialects of honour, of dignity, of sportsmanship, of decency, of fair play, of loyalty, of integrity, and in the end, of dauntless, unforgettable, astonishing courage. In doing so, he rewrote entirely the international image of the Spanish people. Quite simply, there has never been a finer ambassador for either his sport or his country.'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37 Who followed in his father's footsteps by training a Grand National winner?

38 ... and what was the name of the successful horse?

39 Pour Moi became the first Derby winner never to run again since which 1982 winner?

40 IndyCar's final race of the season, the IZOD IndyCar World Championship, was red-flagged after a fiery 15-car collision on lap 11, and abandoned once it was announced that which driver had died from injuries sustained in the crash?

41 At which Grand Prix did Sebastian Vettel clinch the Formula 1 drivers' championship ...?

42 ... and Vettel eclipsed which driver as the youngest double World Champion in Formula One history?

43 In which Grand Prix did Jenson Button emerge from twenty-first and last place after a drive-through penalty to pass Vettel on the final lap of the race to secure victory?

44 How many stage victories did Mark Cavendish record in the Tour de France, including a record third successive final stage win in Paris?

45 Where did Bradley Wiggins finish in the Men's Time Trial at cycling's Road World Championships?

Q45

46 Who did Leeds Rhinos defeat 32-16 in the Engage Super League final?

47 Who was the team who wrecked England's hopes of a Grand Slam in Rugby Union's RBS 6 Nations tournament?

48 Which snooker commentator died on the day of the first day's play in the final of the Betfred.com World Snooker Championship?

49 Barclays Premier League winners Manchester United clinched the title with a 1-1 draw at Blackburn Rovers, which meant they had won the English league title how many times?

50 Who led the singing of God Save The Queen at the FA Cup final?

Q50

Answers:
1 David Bernstein; 2 Green Bay Packers; 3 Ian Thorpe; 4 Steve McClaren; 5 Gennaro Gattuso; 6 He tackled a pitch invading fan dressed in a mankini; 7 David Villa; 8 More than a club; 9 New statue of Michael Jackson at Craven Cottage stadium; 10 Wayne Rooney; 11 Suresh Kalmadi; 12 Paul Lambert of Norwich; 13 Cristiano Ronaldo; 14 He fell from a balcony; 15 County Golf Club near Hedge End, Hampshire; 16 For not raising enough money; 17 First; 18 Rafael Nadal; 19 Petra Kvitova at Wimbledon; 20 Joe Wales, great-grandson of Sir Malcolm Campbell; 21 France; 22 Usain Bolt; 23 Yohan Blake; 24 Ginger McCain; 25 Mark Cavendish; 26 Malaysian MotoGP in Sepang; 27 South Africa; 28 Dayron Robles; 29 Mahendra Singh Dhoni; 30 Pink balls were used for the first time in a County Championship match -- it was the first day/night County Championship match to be played in England; 31 Brian Joubert; 32 Sam Waley-Cohen; 33 Eight strokes; 34 Darren Clarke; 35 Charl Schwartzel; 36 Seve Ballesteros, who died, aged 54; 37 Donald McCain, Jr; 38 Ballabriggs; 39 Golden Fleece; 40 Dan Whelldon; 41 Japanese Grand Prix; 42 Fernando Alonso; 43 Canadian Grand Prix; 44 Five; 45 Second; 46 St Helens RFC; 47 Ireland; 48 Ted Lowe; 49 Nineteen; 50 Stacey Solomon.

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